

Application No. 10/722,693

Preliminary Amendment dated December 30, 2004

REMARKS

Upon entry of this paper, claims 1-17, 19-40, and 42-46 are pending in this application.

On December 20, 2004, the Examiner contacted Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to discuss the subject application. During this telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that the recitation of "this printer position information" in the independent claims might render the claims indefinite because the claims refer to different printer position information, e.g., first and second printer position information. The Examiner also pointed out informalities in the specification and claims and requested that Applicants provide a more descriptive title for the application. Applicants' undersigned representative informed the Examiner of the existence of Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-331144 and indicated that an Information Disclosure Statement citing this reference would be submitted shortly. Finally, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-17, 19-40, and 42-46 appeared to define allowable subject matter and, subject to the Examiner's review of Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-331144, would be allowable if amended to address the Examiner's indefiniteness concerns.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 19-24, 29, 35, and 42-46, and have canceled claims 18 and 41. In addition, Applicants have made a minor change to the specification and have changed the title so that it is more descriptive. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Applicants have amended the specification to correct a typographical error. In particular, on page 50, line 3, Applicants have changed the reference to "Fig. 24B" to "Fig. 24." In addition, Applicants have changed the title to "Printer And Print System for Executing a Proper Print Operation Only in a Place Registered In Advance."

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Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 6, 12, 19-24, 29, 35, and 42-46 to clarify the claimed subject matter. In particular, Applicants have amended these independent claims so that they no longer recite "this printer position information." In addition, Applicants have amended claim 11 so that this claim now depends from independent claim 6.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-17, 19-40, and 42-46, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. KYWAP006).

Respectfully submitted,
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